

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4-10, 12-14, 16-19 and 21-27 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 9, 12-14, 19 and 21 are amended and claims 3, 11, 15 and 20 are canceled. No new matter is added. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested at least in view of the following remarks.

Applicant appreciates the courtesies extended to Applicant's representatives by Examiner Trinh during the August 28 personal interview. Applicant's separate record of the substance of the personal interview is incorporated into the following remarks.

Further, Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Office Action's indication that claims 6-8, 11, and 13 recite allowable subject matter. However, Applicant respectfully asserts that all of the pending claims are allowable for at least the following reasons.

I. Rejection of Claims under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 1-5, 7-10, 14-20 and 22-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 7,050,763 to Stengel et al. (hereinafter "Stengel") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,425,022 to Clark et al. (hereinafter "Clark"). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

A. Claims 1-2, 4-8, 14 and 16-18 Define Patentable Subject Matter

Independent claim 1 recites a method including changing a static map responsive to an indication received from a target device included in a set of target devices. Independent claim 14 recites an apparatus including wherein a static map may be altered dynamically by a target device included in a set of target devices.

Applicant respectfully asserts that Stengel merely discloses a method for transferring a signal from a first electronic unit to a second electronic unit in a system comprising at least two

electronic units (col. 3, lines 3-6). Thus, Stengel fails to disclose or suggest at least a method including changing a static map responsive to an indication received from a target device included in a set of target devices or an apparatus including wherein a static map may be altered dynamically by a target device included in a set of target devices, as recited in claims 1 and 14, respectively.

Further, the Office Action only relies on the disclosure of Clark for a purported teaching of the creation of a static map and the use of logical channels (Office Action, p. 2). However, Clark merely describes a control module using a look-up table stored in RAM to identify a destination device number and a logical channel number (col. 4, lines 5-25).

As discussed during the personal interview, Clark is not found to disclose or suggest changing a static map responsive to an indication received from a target device included in a set of target devices or altering a static map dynamically by a target device included in a set of target devices. Therefore, Applicant respectfully asserts that Clark also fails to disclose or suggest the above recited features of independent claims 1 and 14, and therefore, fails to cure the above-noted deficiencies of Stengel.

Accordingly, because the combination of Stengel in view of Clark at least fails to disclose or suggest 1) a method including changing a static map responsive to an indication received from a target device included in a set of target devices, or 2) an apparatus including wherein a static map may be altered dynamically by a target device included in a set of target devices, Applicant respectfully asserts that the combined references fail to disclose or suggest the combination of all the features recited in independent claims 1 and 14.

Further, claims 2 and 4-8 depend from independent claim 1 and claims 16-18 depend from claim 14. Therefore, claims 2, 4-8 and 16-18 are patentable for at least the reasons that claims 1 and 14 are patentable, respectively, as well as for the additional features they recite.

B. Claims 9-10 and 12-13 Define Patentable Subject Matter

Independent claim 9 recites an article including a machine-accessible medium having associated information, wherein the information, when accessed, results in a machine performing determining a need for a channel by a target device included in the set of target devices and setting the channel by the target device. Applicant respectfully asserts Stengel fails to disclose or suggest at least the above features of independent claim 9. Further, Applicant respectfully asserts that Clark fails to cure the above-noted deficiencies of Stengel.

As stated in the Reasons for Allowance of the July 16, 2007 Office Action (Office Action, p.7), and as discussed during the personal interview, because the combination of Stengel in view of Clark at least fails to disclose or suggest determining a need for a channel by a target device included in the set of target devices and setting the channel by the target device, Applicant respectfully asserts the combined references fail to disclose or suggest the combination of all the features recited in independent claim 9.

Further, claims 10, 12 and 13 depend from independent claim 9. Therefore, claims 10, 12 and 13 are patentable for at least the reasons that claim 9 is patentable, as well as for the additional features they recite.

C. Claims 19 and 21-27 Define Patentable Subject Matter

Independent claims 19 and 25 recite a system and an apparatus, respectively, including a static map that includes a channel map to map a subset of the N-1 logical channels to a set of channels accessible to a target device included in a set of target devices. Applicant respectfully

asserts Stengel fails to disclose or suggest at least the above recited features of independent claims 19 and 25. Further, Applicant respectfully asserts that Clark fails to cure the above-noted deficiencies of Stengel.

As discussed during the personal interview, Clark is not found to disclose or suggest a static map that includes a channel map to map a subset of the N-1 logical channels to a set of channels accessible to a target device included in a set of target devices. Therefore, Applicant respectfully asserts that Clark also fails to disclose or suggest the above recited features of independent claims 19 and 25, and consequently, fails to cure the above-noted deficiencies of Stengel.

Accordingly, because the combination of Stengel in view of Clark at least fails to disclose or suggest a static map that includes a channel map to map a subset of the N-1 logical channels to a set of channels accessible to a target device included in a set of target devices, Applicant respectfully asserts the combined references fail to disclose or suggest the combination of all the features recited in independent claims 19 and 25.

Further, claims 21-24 and 26-27 depend from independent claims 19 and 25, respectively. Therefore, claims 21-24 and 26-27 are patentable for at least the reasons that claims 19 and 25 are patentable, as well as for the additional features they recite.

II. Conclusion

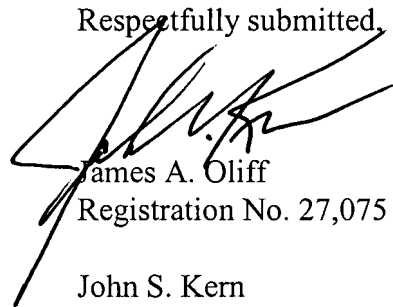
In accordance with the above remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 1, 9, 14, 19 and 25 define patentable subject matter. Claims 2, 4-8, 10, 12, 13, 16-18, 21-24, 26 and 27 depend from claims 1, 9, 14, 19 and 25, respectively, and therefore, also define patentable subject matter, as well as for the additional features they recite. Based on the

foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration and withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. §103(a) rejection.

Further, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-5, 7-10, 12-19, and 22-27 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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